GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EXEMPTION OF ANTI-AIDS DRUGS FROM EXCISE DUTY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some anti-AIDS drugs have been exemption from the excise duty, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the drugs so exempted and the purpose thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it would be help both the manufacturers and the patients in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The under mentioned drugs have been exempted from excise duty to make them available to patients at reasonably affordable price:-

(1) Diadanosinde (2) Efavirenz (3) Indinavir (4) Lamivudine

(5) Nelfinavir (6) Nevirapine (7) Ritonavir (8) Sanquinavir

(9) Stavudine (10) Zidovudine

(c) With the exemption form excise duty, the manufacturers would be able to Make these drugs available to the HIV/AIDS patients at lower prices.